

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Cancelled).

5 2. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 1, wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes comprises, ~~having~~ a tubular casing; which converges from an inlet to an outlet and ~~comprises of~~ includes a side cut-out along the its full length of said tubular casing.

10 3. (Previously Presented) A device for banding stacks of bank notes comprising:  
a body;  
a container for packing material having a box-like structure;  
a means for feeding said packing material;  
and,  
15 an element for arranging said stacks of bank notes.

4. (Previously Presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said packing material is band rings stacked in a flattened condition.

20 5. (Previously Presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said means for feeding said packing material comprises of an element provided

with both a pick-up unit and a mechanism for the displacement thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3,  
wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes deforms said stack of bank  
5 notes along the longitudinal axis of said bank notes.

7. (Previously Presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 6,  
wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes comprises a sensor for  
defining the position of said stack.

8. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3,  
wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes is coupled to ~~said a~~  
10 displacement mechanism and ~~said a~~ pick-up unit.

9. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3,  
wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes and said container for  
packing material are mounted to said body in such a way that said deformed stack of bank  
15 notes is ~~introduced in~~ bound by a ring taken from said container.

10. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 2,  
wherein the motion of the tubular casing deforms said stack of banknotes ~~is deformed~~

~~with the motion of said tubular casing.~~

11. (Previously Presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 2,  
wherein said stack of banknotes is removed through said side cut.

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